

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2230**  
**Cromwell House**  
**7309 Brightside Road**  
**Baltimore, Baltimore County**  
**Ca. 1880**  
**Private**

The Cromwell House was constructed circa 1880 near the town of Ruxton in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. The Queen Anne-style dwelling was constructed at the time that Ruxton was established as a resort community. The town first received its name in 1885 when the Northern Central Railroad constructed a passenger station along Bellona Avenue. By the 1890s, real estate developers planned to develop the area as a summer resort community. In 1892, Wood, Harmon and Company announced the sale of 224 lots on the east side of Bellona Avenue, known as Ruxton Heights. The area was able to boast not only its proximity to the railroad, but also nearby Lake Roland and L'Hirondelle Club, the country club located on the shore of the lake.

The imposing Queen Anne-style dwelling fronts north on a plateau south of Bellona Avenue. The level, grassy lot is landscaped with mature trees and foundation plantings. Elements of the Queen Anne style of architecture are the irregular roofline, projecting bays, elaborately corbelled chimney caps, and windows with multi-light upper sashes. Rising three-stories in height, the circa 1880 house is set on a stone foundation and is constructed of random ashlar-cut stone. A wrap-around front porch with a half-hipped roof, Tuscan columns, a square-edged balustrade with a molded handrail, and a projecting porte cochere with a pediment mark the façade or north elevation. Two slightly projecting gable bays anchor the corners of this elevation. The gable ends of these bays are clad in square-butt wood shingles. The main entry features a panel-and-light door with one-light sidelights above paneled dado and a divided three-light transom. To the east of the entry is a 20/1 window. Seven Queen Anne-style windows with twenty-five lights in the upper sash and one in the lower sash, as well as six ten-light casement windows pierce the first two stories of the façade. At the center of the second story is a tripartite window with engaged Tuscan columns that act as mullions. The third story has six 1/1 windows, an 8/8 window, and three hipped dormers. The boxed wood cornice is detailed with modillions and a flat frieze. Five interior brick chimneys with corbelled caps rise above the hipped roof that is clad with slate tiles. An icehouse and pump house that are contemporary to the dwelling stand to the south and southeast of the house, respectively.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2230

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Cromwell Hosue  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 7309 Brightside Road not for publication  
city, town Baltimore vicinity  
county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hobart V. and Jennie Lee W. Fowlkes  
street and number 7309 Brightside Drive telephone Not Available  
city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21212

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7123 folio 204  
city, town Towson tax map 69 tax parcel 1178 tax ID number 2000006924

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory  
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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An icehouse and pump house that are contemporary to the dwelling stand to the south and southeast of the house, respectively. The icehouse is set on a parged stone foundation and is clad in board-and-batten siding. A pyramidal roof with asphalt shingling and a vented cupola cover the building. Stairs lead up to the single-leaf vertical board door.

The pump house is also set on a parged stone foundation. Clad in German siding, it has a side gable roof with asphalt shingles. A single-leaf vertical board door and a six-light window pierce the façade of the pump house.

The late 20<sup>th</sup> century garage is one-story in height and two-bays in width. The foundation is clad with a stone veneer and the wood frame building has siding that simulates board-and-battens. The hipped roof is clad in slate tiles with two square cupolas with finials and louvered ventilators. Two wood-paneled roll-up doors pierce the façade of the garage.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1880 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1880 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 297.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.46 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Cromwell House is located at 7309 Brightside Road in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 69, Parcel 1178 since its construction circa 1880.

## 11. Form Prepared by

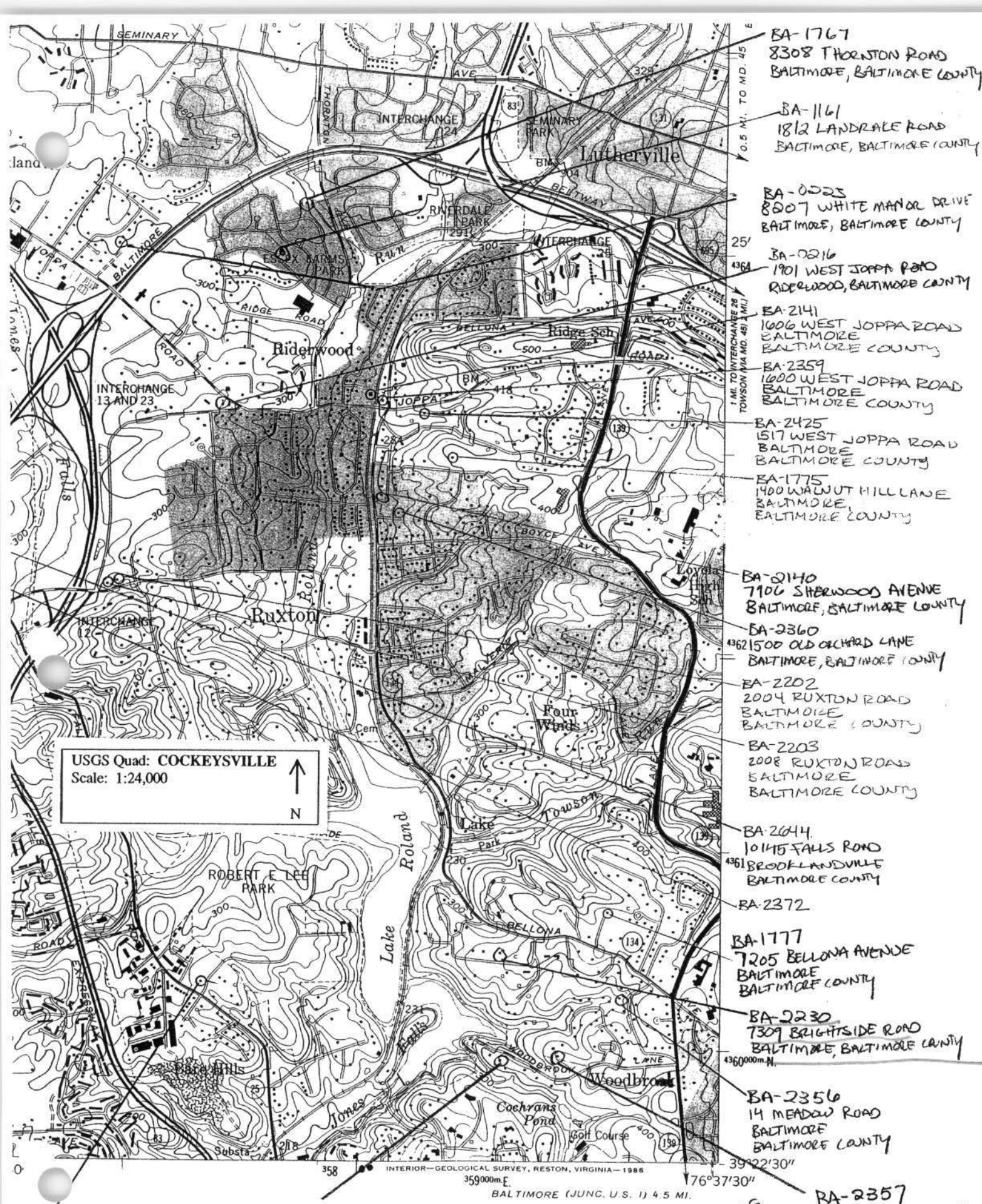
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Scale: 1:24,000  
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BA-2358  
211 WOODBROOK LANE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	—————
Interstate Route	⦿	U.S. Route	⦿
State Route	⦿		

BA-1767  
8308 THORNTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1161  
1812 LANDRALE ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0023  
8807 WHITE MANOR DRIVE  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0216  
1901 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
RIDERWOOD, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2141  
1006 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2359  
1000 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2425  
1517 WEST JOPPA ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1775  
1400 WALNUT HILL LANE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2140  
7106 SHERWOODS AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2360  
4362 1500 OLD ORCHARD LANE  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2202  
2004 RUXTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2203  
2008 RUXTON ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2044  
10115 FALLS ROAD  
4361 BROOKLANDVILLE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2372

BA-1777  
7205 BELLONA AVENUE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2230  
7309 BRIGHTSIDE ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2356  
14 MEADOW ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2357  
104 WOODBROOK LANE  
BALTIMORE  
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7309 BRIGHTSIDE ROAD

BALTIMORE

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TRACERIES

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NORTH ELEVATION

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SOUTHWEST CORNER

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MD SHPO  
SOUTHEAST CORNER  
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OUTBUILDINGS  
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